

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Trans](#)[What's new at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.](#)[View this email in your browser](#)**Newsletter #125:****What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.**

Hi everyone! I'm sorry for not doing a newsletter last week. I can honestly say that I was pretty much wiped out after that long, but exciting week. Being a new governor for the ANA is a wonderful thing but it comes with great responsibility. I already started working on projects before my first board meeting. I urge you to contact me with recommendations for how the ANA can better serve you as an ancient/world collector and/or dealer. The ANA is largely a U.S. coin-centric organization. Unfortunately the voice of the "other than U.S. coin" community is quite small, but we can be loud nonetheless! I already see a willingness and even eagerness on behalf of the board and the ANA staff to be more inclusive of the ancient and world community. Do your part please though by becoming a member if you haven't yet. If you need help just reach out and I will direct you. It is not expensive and if we want to make more programs and events that speak to us we will have to invest a little as well. Thanks for helping me on that!

So we are just about to embark on the Fall auctions in Europe. I'm eager to get all the auction catalogs out to customers who want them but in the interim a few of these auctions are available now or will be shortly. Keep an eye on Numisbids or Sixbid to alert you when they are available. In addition to live auctions there are many smaller electronic sales to choose from. I won't mention all of them but a few are listed below which I deem to be worthwhile of your time.

So here is what is coming up!

Pegasi Numismatics Buy or Bid Sale 156 (closes Aug 27)

Pegasi is holding their 156th buy or bid sale which closes on August 27 at noon EST. They host their auctions through Agora and can be found at AgoraAuctions.com/Pegasi. Aside from the fact that I really like Nick and Eldard, the two owners of the firm, they

offer a nice selection of moderately priced ancients. The two have been in the business for several decades so they tend to offer old collections, presumably from some of their former clients. The pedigrees might not be listed for lack of time but I bet if you look hard enough you will find many.

Ira & Larry Goldberg Pre-Long Beach Auction (Sept 3)

The Goldbergs always hold their auction before the Long Beach show which takes place a few times a year. The Long Beach show is growing in popularity among ancient and world buyers but is still considered a smaller show venue. Being able to attend the Goldberg auction just prior is definitely a good reason to travel out there. I've gone twice but it usually is so close to my European trips that I prefer to bid online or by phone. This auction is somewhat small with 149 ancients. They have a few other catalogs but those interested in ancients have a smaller subset. They are offering a few rarities such as a dekadrachm of Alexander (lot 1503) for a reasonable estimate of \$10,000. I highly doubt it will hammer for such a lower level but it is worth noting. I also noticed a few beautifully toned coins which definitely caught my attention. If you collect coins other than ancients than you might want to check out the other catalogs on either Sixbid or Numisbids.

Leu Numismatik Web Auction 9 (part 1 on Sept 7 and part 2 on Sept 8)

Leu has a rather substantial electronic auction of 1,600 lots taking place over two days on Sept 7-8. Leu offers multiples of the same type and most do not have a pedigree. They do have a substantial collection of Islamic coins at the end of the auction from a specific collector. Additionally there were a large group of Aelia Capitolina coinage (Judeaea) within Part I. Leu typically offers wonderful rare Roman provincial types so check those out. For a relatively new firm they have made some major inroads in getting material.

CNG 112 (Sept 11)

CNG has their 112th mail bid sale on Sept 11 with 856 lots. CNG does bimonthly electronic auctions, mail bid sales, the CNR (Classical Numismatic Review) and finally their live Triton auctions that take place in New York in January. There are no catalogs for the electronic auctions. The mail bid sales can almost be compared to their Triton auctions in terms of material. Typically some of the nicest material can be found in the mail bid sales. This one is no exception. There are several private collections being offered (Matthew Curtis, John L. Cowan, Michel Prieur, G.W.K. Roberts and Andrew McCabe). They even are offering an incredibly beautiful and pedigreed Naxos tetradrachm from a 1934 Ars Classica auction (lot 80). You only need at least a cool half million to own it! In all seriousness, the catalog is worth your time to view and please do get in touch with me as I do have great terms for my representation.

Upcoming Europe Trip (Sept 22-Oct 11)

I will be going to Europe starting on the 22nd. I will be attending and/or taking part in the following events: Roma Auction XVIII (Sept 29), NAC 116 (Oct 1), Künker (Oct 7-11), Gorny & Mosch - viewing only (Oct 14). As the auctions draw nearer I will have catalogs available for customers and I will start to give advice for those interested. The Fall and

Spring Europe trips are typically when I find the nicest coins being offered in auction. This is why I fly out to personally view those coins and bid in real time. Please take advantage of my auction rep services for these sales. The cost to the client is typically minimal if anything.



Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/gaul-massalia-c-125-90-bc?rq=gk1311>

GAUL. Massalia. c. 125-90 BC

AR Tetrobol, 2.68g (15.5mm, 5h). Draped bust of Artemis right, wearing stephane, bow and quiver over shoulder / Lion standing right, forepaw raised; Δ below, AΘ in exergue.

Pedigree: Ex Leo A. Young 18th CSNA Convention Sale (20 April 1956), lot 1660

References: F&P DRM-44-4; Depeyrot, Marseille 44/4; SNG Copenhagen –; Dewing 22; De La Tour 1090 var.

Grade: Good VF, attractively toned with lovely iridescence, light deposits on obverse.

Price: \$1,450

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Massalia was the earliest city founded by the Phokaian Greeks around 600 BC. Ancient Massalia, modern day Marseilles, is located on the Mediterranean coast. This coin was struck around the time that Massalia was under constant threat by other Celtic tribes. The Romans used the situation to conquer the area and later formed the Roman province of Gallia Transalpina. The earlier coins of Massalia had a beautiful Greek style but this slowly was

diminished due to the large output required as it was the main currency of Southern Gaul. The coins were also extensively copied by various Celtic tribes as barbarous versions. In fact, the barbarous versions are far more common than those of finer Greek style. Eventually after 200 BC the coins from Massalia changed in weight (reduced) and style. Massalia finally lost its right to coin money after its capture by C. Trebonius of Caesar's legions in 49 BC.

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
Shanna

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